

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for stimulating remodeling of blemished skin in a mammal, wherein the blemish is a scar, comprising administering to the blemished skin of said mammal a composition that comprises a peptone digest complexed with an ionic metal ~~ionic metal-peptide complex~~ in an amount effective to remodel the skin and diminish or remove the ~~skin blemish~~ scar.
2. Canceled.
3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, [[2,]] wherein the scar is selected from the group consisting of a surgical scar, a wound scar, an acne scar, a keloid scar, a burn scar, and a Sjogren's syndrome scar.
4. Canceled.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ionic metal is selected from the group consisting of copper(II), tin(II), tin(IV), and zinc(II), and therapeutically acceptable salts and complexes thereof.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the ionic metal is copper(II).
7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~peptide of the ionic metal-peptide complex~~ peptone digest is an enzymatic hydrolysis of casein, collagen, elastin, meat products, silk protein, or soybean protein.
8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~peptide of the ionic metal-peptide complex~~ peptone digest is an acid hydrolysis of casein, collagen, elastin, meat products, silk protein, or soybean protein.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~peptide of the ionic metal-peptide complex~~ peptone digest is a basic hydrolysis of casein, collagen, elastin, meat products, silk protein, or soybean protein.

10. Canceled.

11. Canceled.

12. Canceled.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition is administered topically or by injection into the skin.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the peptone digest complexed with an ionic metal ~~ionic metal-peptide complex~~ is combined with a carrier to form a cream or lotion.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the peptone digest complexed with an ionic metal ~~ionic metal-peptide complex~~ in the composition is 1% to 25%.

16. Canceled.

17. (New) A method for stimulating remodeling of blemished skin in a mammal, wherein the blemish is a skin tag, callus, benign skin mole, stretch mark, facial keratosis, thickened sunspot of the skin, or vitiligo spot, comprising administering to the blemished skin of said mammal a composition that comprises a peptone digest complexed with an ionic metal in an amount effective to remodel the skin and diminish or remove the blemish.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the ionic metal is selected from the group consisting of copper(II), tin(II), tin(IV), and zinc(II), and therapeutically acceptable salts and complexes thereof.

19. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the ionic metal is copper(II).

20. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein the peptone digest is an acid hydrolysis of casein, collagen, elastin, meat products, silk protein, or soybean protein.